

THIS WEEK  
CAMPUS

**Opal Eckert Walk**  
The 6th annual Opal Eckert Walk, sponsored by the Maryville branch of AAUW, will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 21 in Lamkin Gym.  
The walk is to raise money for the grant named in honor of Opal Eckert, the money will be used to assist women in education.  
The event is open to anyone.

**Proposal up for vote**  
Student Senate will host a CatPAWS vote all day Thursday and Friday, March 12-13.  
Students are invited to vote for or against a proposal to reduce the number of graduate student senators from two to one.

**'Herstory' event**  
As part of National Women's History Month, a Mentor/Mentee Lunch will take place tomorrow afternoon. The luncheon will be at noon on Friday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.  
To register for the luncheon call Jeanne Crawford at 562-1168.  
For additional information about this even or other events contact Ame Lambert 562-1517 or Angel McAdams Prescott 562-1226.

**COMMUNITY**

**Daylight Savings Time**  
Don't forget to spring forward this weekend. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday.

**Maryville Showcase**  
Maryville High School and the Northwest Technical School will host the Maryville High Showcase at 7 p.m. Monday night.  
The event is open to current students at the two schools and eighth graders. Students will have the chance to see what extracurricular activities other students are involved in and what Maryville has to offer, as well as partake in activities and ask questions of the schools' faculty and staff.

**BEARCATS**

Friday-  
-Softball vs. Nebraska-Omaha in Joplin, Mo 9 a.m.  
-Men's Tennis vs. Newman in Topeka, Kan. 10 a.m.  
-Women's Tennis vs. Newman in Topeka, Kan. 10 a.m.  
-Men's Tennis vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State 2 p.m.  
-Baseball @ Fort Hays 3 p.m.  
-Softball vs Cameron in Joplin, Mo 5 p.m.

Saturday-  
-Softball vs. Oklahoma City in Joplin, Mo 9 a.m.  
-Baseball @ Fort Hays 1 p.m.  
- Softball vs. Missouri S&T in Joplin, Mo 3 p.m.  
- Softball vs. Drury in Joplin 5 p.m.

Sunday-  
-Baseball @ Fort Hays 12 p.m.

Wednesday-  
-Baseball vs. Graceland 2 p.m.

**SPOOFHOUNDS**

Thursday-  
- Boys' District Semi-finals Bball vs. LeBlond in Lathrop 6 p.m.

Friday-  
- Girls' District Championship Bball in Lathrop (pending Wednesday night's game outcome) 7 p.m.

Saturday-  
- Boys' District Championship Bball in Lathrop 7 p.m. (pending tonight's game outcome)

**CORRECTIONS**

Bearcat football head coach Mel Tjeerdsma's playoff record on the Feb. 26 front page of the Missourian should be 25-9.  
In the same issue, the article "New Hy-Vee manager settling in" incorrectly states that Ben Conway was the assistant director of a Hy-Vee in Sioux Falls, Iowa. The store was actually located in Sioux Falls, S.D.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

100 percent smoke-free policy in works

By Lisa Houtchens  
University News Editor

Smoking may be a thing of the past on the Northwest campus within the next few years.  
The University may join 260 other colleges and universities in making campus 100 percent smoke-free.  
Though no time line or policy is in mind yet, it is a possibility, Wellness Director Beau Dooley said.  
If the University implements the no-smoking policy it will join universities such as Boise State University, Minnesota State University-

Moorhead, University of Northern Alabama and many others, in both indoor and outdoor bans.  
Health and Wellness Director, Carol Grimm from the University of Minnesota-Moorhead said campus has been smoke-free for more than a year. Their move to a smoke-free campus came at the same time the community went smoke-free, and campus reacted well to the change.  
"This really follows trends in what is going on in not only the nation, but in college campuses," Dooley said.  
Northwest already has a 100 percent smoke-free residential hall policy.  
Placing this ban would reduce the amount of second-hand smoke on campus, Dooley said.  
For every eight smokers Shister said one non-smoker is exposed to lung cancer.  
As of now, Dooley and Shister are looking into the possibility of making Northwest smoke free and researching what city government is doing, as well as state government, Dooley said.  
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JUSTIN MCBRIDE CRUSHES a cigarette outside Phillips Hall. The University may implement a no-smoking policy making the campus 100 percent smoke-free.

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ST. FRANCIS | GALA FUNDRAISER



photo by jared clark | senior photographer

AFTER DINNER, ANDY Martens performed classic Frank Sinatra for the guests' enjoyment. The St. Francis Gala included a silent auction, classic car display, speakeasy bar, other musical performances and dancing.

Paging  
MR. GATSBY  
Hospital fundraiser celebrates times past

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

The ambiance was festive and full of flair. Strings of lights illuminated the dance floor as the jazz of Louis Armstrong played in the background.  
Women in flapper dresses accentuated with flashy boas schmoozed with the crowd while men made their way to and from the speakeasy bar.  
Some simply sat and visited. One group, seated at the Al Capone table, marveled at their table's centerpiece, an Eiffel Tower vase with ostrich feather tops. Another group — this one seated at the Jack Benny table — enjoyed hors d'oeuvres as they waited for the Great Gatsby Salad to be served.  
It was a vintage scene from another era. But it was all for a good cause.  
The Maryville Community Center hosted the 2009 St. Francis Gala Saturday night, a fundraising event put on

by the St. Francis Hospital Foundation and St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary. The theme for the night — "The Roaring Twenties" — helped to make the event a preliminary success and improved on past events, Gala Chairman Cliff McNair said.  
"People are starting to look forward to it and it's really gaining momentum," McNair said. "The themes are really popular, people like it, it's fun."  
Along with celebrating the hospital and its staff, the gala's goal was to raise funds for the hospital's obstetrical department where babies are born. Through its annual appeal that begins in December and runs until the gala, the hospital hopes to raise \$75,000 for an OB simulator, a portable bedside ultrasound and an incubator/baby warmer, McNair said.  
The OB simulator would provide

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ST. FRANCIS EMPLOYEES Joshua Allee and Monica Mauzey dance the Charleston during the 2009 St. Francis Gala held Saturday at the Maryville Community Center. The theme of the event was the Roaring 20's and money was raised for St. Francis' annual appeal — a fundraising drive to buy equipment for the hospital's obstetrical department.

COURT OF APPEALS

Western District Court schedules session on campus next week

By Elizabeth Sexton  
Chief Reporter

While students grab coffee and gab with friends, history will literally be made right over their heads.  
On Monday, March 9, a campus transformation with the power to change judicial interpretation makes a historic first for Northwest Missouri State University.  
At 1:30 p.m. the Ballroom

on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union will become the Missouri Court of Appeals and also a place where students can witness American justice in action.  
When the Western District Court convenes for three cases allowing time in between for audience interaction with judges, the mystique and isolation between the public and the courts will dissipate, said political science professor Dan Smith.

"They (the Courts) want to be out in the communities, where people — especially universities — can understand what the process is like," he said. "Everybody has to take Intro to Government — the judiciary is one of those topics that people kind of glaze over."  
Smith said media coverage usually highlights trials and Supreme Court decisions, but the appellate process, which is the last shot for the majority of cases, is something the public never

hears about.  
"Most cases don't get appealed to the Supreme Court," he said. "The stakes are pretty high for these people."  
The stakes on this day in court will include legal interpretations involving breathalyzer limitations; child support and the legal age of dependency; and guardianship policies surrounding Medicaid benefits.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Java shop to open on square

By Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

A new coffeehouse is coming to Maryville, but patrons will be able to do much more than just buy their daily cup of joe.  
That's because The Java Joint — set to open on the west side of the square between Looks and Carson's Sports Bar & Grill on Saturday, March 28 — will not only offer coffee, lattes and espressos, but live entertainment and art to boot.  
Creating an atmosphere that caters to a wide range of people and ages is a focal point for The Java Joint's owner, Stephanie Sledge.

"I wanted to open up a place that I could bring the community in," Sledge said. "I want to promote the local artwork and allow local artists to bring their artwork in and sell it here and display it. And the same with the local musicians."  
"(I wanted) to just give people a place to go and feel like they're a part of."  
The Java Joint will offer a wide-range of coffeehouse staples, Sledge said. In addition to coffees, espressos and frappachinos, the coffeehouse will offer smoothies, Italian sodas, soups, sandwiches and possibly wine.  
Sledge also plans to have an open mic night, a poetry night and local music. Her establishment will offer an alternative venue for those wishing to hear live music.

"Some people like to listen to music, but they don't want to go to the bars. So it'll be a different atmosphere," Sledge said. "I'm kind of bringing the big city into the little city."  
Patrons will also have the option of sitting on couches and surfing the Internet on their laptops via Wi-Fi access while they sip on a latte.  
Sledge, a Northwest graduate with a major in business management, said when the opportunity came to open The Java Joint, she was ready.

"I've been wanting to start a coffee shop for a couple of years now and I wrote the entire business plan while I was in college here at Northwest," Sledge said. "But what really kind of sparked me was the fact that after I graduated I sent out probably 250 résumés and I couldn't find a job."  
"The opportunity opened here and so I just decided to take it."  
Stephanie also owns Metals Edge Expo with her husband Randy. Randy pledged his full support for his wife's entrepreneurial endeavor.  
"She's been wanting to do this and the opportunity came along.

See **COFFEE** on A5

CAREER SERVICES

## Career Day attendance down from fall

By Bran Young  
Editor in Chief

Employer attendance at Career Services' Spring Career Day was significantly lower than last fall's event, a sign of the challenges the stagnant U.S. economy may pose for soon-to-be college graduates.

Sixty-seven companies registered for the event in Bearcat Arena Tuesday, a 30 percent decrease in employer participation from last trimester's Career Day, when 95 companies attended, according to Career Services data.

"I guess we're one of the fortunate ones," said recruiter John McLaughlin of Cerner Corp., a health care information technology company that frequently hires Northwest grads. "We're fortunate to come out and still hire ... Whereas there are some companies that have taken a hit and their recruiting budget was the first to go."

That, along with hiring freezes, could be the reason why employers

from fall's Career Day chose not to return, even though the University doesn't ask for an explanation from them, Career Services Director Joan Schneider said.

National data seems to support that idea. On Wednesday, the National Association of Colleges and Employers released an updated version of its spring 2009 job outlook survey, in which employers say they expect to hire 22 percent fewer college grads from the 2009 class than they did from last year's class. Of those employers, 67 percent blamed changes to their hiring outlooks on the economic recession.

The NACE's initial survey last fall projected hiring would remain at 2008 levels.

However, Northwest's academic programs are "recession proof," meaning the need for graduates with majors the University offers will remain constant even as hiring levels fluctuate, Schneider said.

"Even in hiring dips, it never goes

away. Our markets never dry up," Schneider said.

Wells Fargo representative Jessica Carswell, who graduated from college only about a year ago, said Tuesday that job security at the financial services company was based more on employee performance, and not necessarily on economic factors.

"This couldn't be a better company to work for right now. We're always trying to fill our staff and fill up our offices," Carswell said. "This is the first job I've ever had, and I was just promoted. You're given the tools to succeed, and if you succeed, your job is secure."

Student participation Tuesday was also less than what Career Services expected, with 350 students making the rounds at employer booths. Last spring, 359 students showed up. However, Sch-



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MICHAEL MARSH MEETS with Larissa Bakker of Northwestern Mutual during Career Day Tuesday at Bearcat Arena.

neider expects attendance to increase in the future because upcoming graduating classes will be larger than 2009's class of 550, thanks to Northwest's enrollment plan.

Still, Spring Career Day proved to

be rewarding for several of its attendees; 96 students were offered interviews Wednesday for jobs and internships, Schneider said.

"The students that were there—they were prepared," she said.

CAMPUS FORUM

## Soldiers share perspectives on War in Iraq, commitment with students at military alumni forum

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

More than 250,000 American soldiers are across the planet fighting to day. In Central America, 2,200 soldiers are fighting a drug war. In Africa, between 700 and 800 soldiers are fighting a war on terrorism. Soldiers have been in Bosnia since 1996 and more soldiers have been standing between the Israel and Egypt since 1973.

Northwest military alumni visited on Friday in Golden Hall for an open forum to give listeners a perspective of the Iraq War from an officer's viewpoint.

Col. Christopher Hughes is a 1983 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and has now served 26 years of active duty in the U.S. Army. He completed two master degrees: Business Management and National Strategic Studies. He began his Army career as a platoon leader and worked his way up to a Senior Army Liaison for the House of Representatives. As a liaison, he tells the Army's story to Congress before it makes any decisions.

Maj. James "Doug" Whitaker is a 1997 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration and is now a

citizen soldier. He graduated from UMKC with a law degree in 2000. He started his career in the Missouri National Guard as an enlisted soldier and now is an attorney for the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The forum, set up by Dr. David McLaughlin, left listeners with questions answered and many lessons learned.

The decision to go to war is always a political decision, and in America, the people are sovereign.

"Whether you believe the War in Iraq is the right thing to do is irrelevant to a soldier,"

Hughes said. "What is relevant to a soldier is the process within the Constitution, the first few articles; if those articles were met and adhere to the strict Constitutional law then your soldiers will go to war in Iraq."

Listening to advice from a soldier who has experience, one will find there is no glory in war, only a painful commitment, Hughes said.

"We are going to warn you that it is going to be take longer than your time tables," Hughes said. "We are the most conservative and will not want to rush the war. We are going to want more guys than you think we are

supposed to have to fight in the operation."

The enemy (in this case, Iraq) has a vote. The president can say we will be out in 19 months, but the enemy may want the military out sooner or may want us their longer, Hughes said.

The American military should understand and respect the culture being invaded, Hughes said. By having this understanding, American lives will be saved.

In the end, the goal is to leave Iraq in better shape than before it was invaded.

Since the U.S. has moved the Iraq regime and taken over the

government, they now have to resume responsibility of those individuals that live within the borders, Whitaker said.

It is now projected in 2010 that all rebuilding with the economic, security and political structure (ESP) is going to be completed, which is what's prompting the issue of pulling out of Iraq, Whitaker said.

The U.S. owes trillions of dollars. More than 4,200 soldiers were killed and more than 22,000 were wounded in action, associate professor Mark Corson said.

"We have paid in blood and treasure," Corson said.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Shortened week a possibility

By Lisa Houtchens and Whitney Keyes  
University News Editor, Managing Editor

It's 2:58.

Students are anxiously watching the clock on the wall. Behind his desk, cluttered with work, the principal is double-knotting his sneakers so he can coach the boys' basketball team. The school counselor grabs a snickerdoodle cookie before a student's tutoring session.

The school day is almost over, but there are still practices, after-school jobs, meetings and games awaiting students and faculty.

However, new legislation could extend the school day – but give students and faculty a longer weekend.

Missouri House Bill 242 proposes that rural schools should have the option of cutting back to a four-day school week.

Currently, public Missouri schools are required to be in session 1,044 hours in 174 days. The new law would reduce the day requirement to 142 days, but the hour requirement would remain the same.

The school day would go from lasting 6.4 hours, as it does now, to lasting more than the current 7-hour maximum.

Basically, the school day would be longer, but there would be less days of school each week.

The bill aims to help cut costs in a time of economic distress.

"You can cut out 20 percent of costs in a school week with utilities, maintenance, cooks, custodians and other daily acts," Fourth District State Representative Mike Thomson said in regards to the economic advantages of a shortened school week.

HB 242 hasn't passed through the Senate yet, but rural schools, such as Jefferson C-123 in Conception Junction, Mo., are already weighing their options.

"I'm excited to experiment with a four-day school week," Jefferson superintendent Rob Dowis said. "I can see some real potential to gain educational benefits."

The biggest benefit Dowis sees now is the option to have local calendar control. The option of a four-day school week would give schools the chance to create a calendar that would best fit the needs of the school, faculty, staff, students, parents and community.

Dowis said he thinks a four-day school

week would be advantageous for some weeks, but doesn't see the school converting to the shortened week.

A day off would give ample time for professional development, extracurricular activities and personal needs for staff and students, such as doctor's visits or appointments.

Tim Jermain, the principal who oversees 7-12th grades and also coaches the boys' basketball team, said traveling would be easier for the team on off-days.

Scheduling the teams' season, while allowing days off from school would be easier when considering travel.

However, while the day off would be nice for teachers and students, it would make the remaining four days longer.

Jermain said practices normally last until 7 p.m. now, and if school lasted longer, then practices would start later and therefore, end later.

The later dismissal could also negatively affect students' after-school jobs, especially those in Maryville, tutoring sessions and organizational meetings.

Jermain and Dowis also expressed concern that younger students might have trouble concentrating for any longer than they currently do.

Some speculation on the bill has questioned whether students' retention be compromised with a four-day week.

"A three-day weekend is too long of a break for students' retention rates," Thomson said.

However, in his weekly report to state media, "A Minute With Mike," Thomson claims other schools who have adopted the four-day week have seen an increase in attendance. The report also mentions a district in Kentucky that saved more than \$150,000 and improved statewide standardized test scores.

Dowis, Jermain and Thomson all stressed the importance of closely examining options before taking action.

"I'd consider doing it occasionally," Dowis said. "We'd test it on a limited basis."

No action has been taken yet, except the careful consideration of all pros and cons. Dowis said the first priority was students and faculty – and how to be help them learn.

"In our district, we see opportunities, not concerns."

DARE GRADUATION



photo by seth cook | photography editor

WINNERS OF THE D.A.R.E. essay contest collect their prizes after their presentations during the D.A.R.E. Graduation Tuesday at the PAC. The D.A.R.E. program was implemented by the Maryville Public Safety Department in 1990 and shows kids the effects of drugs and alcohol and how to combat peer pressure. Guest speaker Anna Tool told the tragic event of her cousin's use of drugs and his ultimate death - a warning to the students of the destructive nature of drugs and alcohol.

PUBLIC SAFETY

County sees decrease in fires after increase in training

By Shane Sherwood  
Senior Reporter

Even though Nodaway County has not had any major fires within the last year, firefighters still want to educate people on fire safety.

Fire safety is important for a number of reasons. The main reason is to make sure people are safe.

"The main reason we are here is to save lives and property," Maryville Fire Department Lieutenant Phil Rickabaugh said. "That is the bottom line."

The major causes of fires are smoking, cooking fires and burning candles.

"This is mainly caused by people falling asleep while cooking or careless smoking," Rickabaugh said.

There has been a small outbreak

of brush fires due to very dry climates, Rickabaugh said. There was also a small rise in fires when heating season began during winter.

Maryville city ordinance states the city allows the burning of yard debris such as leaves and twigs, but not trash, and the fire must be put out before dark. The person burning the leaves must also have some form of fire extinguisher, which includes a hose hooked up to a water source.

However, the Maryville City Council proposed a change in the outside burning regulations. The proposal would limit burning of outdoor yard waste to three two-week periods in the spring, summer and fall.

The council is currently accepting comments on this change from the community.

One basic fire safety tip is to make sure smoke alarms are working, Maryville firefighter Shaun Wiederholt said. Another tip is to have a family plan.

"People should take a few moments out of their day to test their smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly," Wiederholt said. "Everyone in the family should know to get out and have a meeting place. They should also know at least two ways to get out of the house in case of a fire."

Wiederholt also said people should change the batteries in their smoke detectors at least twice a year.

"We always encourage school-aged children to go home and talk to mom and dad and make a plan," Rickabaugh said. "This goes back to working smoke alarms, which is very important."

# KNWT CHANNEL 8

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OUR VIEW

Bill would help restore treatment’s reputation

The recent example of in vitro fertilization abuse by the Californian single mother of, now, 14 children has given the procedure a bad name. But one Missouri lawmaker is taking positive steps to restore its reputation.

In response to Nadya Suleman’s shameless addition of octuplets to her already crowded family of six, Republican State Rep. Rob Schaaf, a St. Joseph, Mo. doctor, introduced legislation that, if passed, would limit the number of embryos Missouri doctors can implant

into a woman during in vitro fertilization.

H.B. 801 would restrict the number of embryo implants to recommendations by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. While the exact number varies based on a woman’s age, health and other factors, the typical first-treatment recommendation is two to three embryos.

Doctors who violate the society’s guidelines could lose their licenses from the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

At first glance, the bill looks like an attempt to give “Big Brother” the go-ahead to supervise a woman’s private medical decisions, but if Suleman’s actions are any indication, the long-term implications of in vitro fertilization abuse are far from private.

Suleman has paid, and will pay, for her family’s well being using food stamps, student loans and other forms of government aid – in other words, taxpayer money. IVF regulation isn’t just about throwing policy at a problem to fix it; Schaaf’s

bill has the potential to prevent so-called “octomom” scandals from reaching Missouri – and Missourians’ wallets.

An even more important benefit is increased mother and child safety. Research has shown that too many embryo implants increases the chances of gestational diabetes, premature births and birth defects.

Lastly, regulation would simply ensure that in vitro fertilization remains an acceptable and honorable procedure for couples that are genuinely interested in, and fully

capable of, starting a family. Women who have had, or who are curious about the treatment shouldn’t feel guilty or ashamed simply because one woman’s poor judgment generated so much public hype and animosity.

Schaaf’s legislation has thus far received little to no opposition and hopefully will be voted on soon. The bill promotes both medical responsibility and accountability without implementing unreasonable standards. In short, it’s good for our society.



MY VIEW

Loss of newspapers could mean loss of journalistic quality

Like countless aspects of society around it, the world of media is on the precipice of a pivotal moment in its history. Undeniably, “the times they are a-changin’.”

If this is the first time you’ve picked up a newspaper, maybe you haven’t heard the news.

Newspapers are dying. Dealt a crushing blow by the advent of technology and the subsequent free news media available online, newspapers are bleeding red ink at breakneck speeds.

If you think this crisis is overblown, even in these hard economic times, look no further than the Rocky Mountain News. The Denver giant closed its doors last Friday, just eight weeks short of its 150th anniversary.

With countless other papers laying workers off in handfuls, no shortage of reasons for the downfall exist. Chief among them is the fact that newspapers have been giving away their main resource — editorial content — for free on the Internet for years.

Online advertising revenues have been unable to

keep up with the losses incurred in print media. And this self-inflicted problem came long before the onset of today’s shaky economic climate.

But even if newspapers hadn’t let the proverbial cat out of the bag and given their services up online for free from the word “go,” would it really have mattered?

Going the way of music and movies, the world has stumbled over itself in trying to procure luxuries and services without paying the fee.

And who can blame them? Why pay for something when you can get it for free?

The media, like all other forms of business, is driven by the almighty dollar. And when that disappears, who will be left to do the reporting?

Most likely someone. But if all that are left standing are the few elite papers, how will they ever possibly reach the small towns like Maryville? Where just like in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles,



Kenny Larabee  
Community News Editor

people have amazing stories to tell; and events that have a profound impact on lives occur everyday.

Maryville is a unique town in that it has three newspapers. And although the Maryville Daily Forum and the Nodaway News Leader are the Missourian’s competitors, they also do us a great service.

Competition breeds quality. It’s a basic tenant of capitalism. It forces the sellers to provide the best possible quality products they can. In this case, the best newspapers. The consumer benefits.

Regardless of how you feel about the media, they have shaped each and every life in this country, overwhelmingly for the better.

Without the media, there is so much taken for granted that would be lost.

People couldn’t possibly drive to their state capital and know what laws are passed that affect their lives every day, and somehow still manage to live a productive life.

A person couldn’t possi-

bly follow his or her favorite team on every 100-mile-plus road trip to know if they won or lost each and every night.

A CEO overseeing a company losing billions isn’t likely to tell every Tom, Dick and Harry that he just blew \$1.22 million redecorating his office bathroom.

People know these things because someone reports it.

I just hope that the media can adapt to this new technological world without regressing. The media aren’t going away, but it’s quite possible that their reach and their quality could take a hit.

Selfishly, for a non-traditional student who came back to school to pursue a job that he might love, this is all very discouraging.

But the real losers here are the people. And I hope they grasp the magnitude of this situation.

Thomas Jefferson spoke of how free media is essential to free government. But if that free press is hindered, what does that say for society?

Unfortunately, I don’t have the secret formula to save newspapers. I just hope somebody out there does.

MY VIEW

U.S. should not benefit at expense of human rights

With the recent softening of U.S. isolation policy toward countries around the world that don’t subscribe to the same courses of action as we do, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton appears to be making headway in the headlines.

However, the newly appointed Secretary of State has also been viewed as moving away from the most fundamental doctrines of the United States—freedom and liberty. These two concepts aren’t just pushed here at home, but also overseas.



Kathleen Wilmes  
Opinion Editor

Our foreign policy has been geared to advance this doctrine to other countries that lack freedom and liberty, which led, in part, to the severe isolation policies overseas.

Although human rights issues should not be considered more important than the global economic crisis or the global security crisis that has escalated in our generation, the main defining points of our time, human rights issues still should not be overlooked.

Violations against human rights are one of the leading causes to sects we consider terrorists.

Keep in mind that before we were known as the United States, we too would have been considered terrorists against the English crown if the word used today had the same definition as the word used then. We, too, suffered from the chains of oppression, the blatant disregard to freedom and liberty.

With the softening of the isolation policy, there has also been a softening of the U.S. policy pushed overseas for universal freedom and liberty.

But this policy isn’t being softened equally around the world.

China, one of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, is the most overlooked country in regards to this policy that is at the core of our beliefs.

But what’s the big deal? We aren’t negatively affected by China’s quasi-communist government’s oppression, their blatant disregard to freedom and liberty. I will go so far as to say that the U.S. benefits a great deal from this.

However, our actions and statements, given by the Secretary of State, shouldn’t necessarily be primarily concerned with the question of whether or not the issue at hand directly affects us. And even if these crimes against humanity benefit us, we should not take that benefit if it is covered in the blood of another.

If a leading member of the UN will not provide for a reasonable amount of liberty for the individual within that member’s country, what right does the UN have in demanding that of Sudan, or any other such areas?

China’s stance and our support is not just costing the life of one man in a far-away land. This is shredding the integrity of our nation and the United Nations as a whole.

CAMPUS TALK

What do you think is key to the United States’ environmental future?



Everybody should drive smart cars because they are hybrids.

Rob O’Dhoerty  
Public Relations



Everybody needs to be on board for the change. If one department changes and the others don’t follow, nothing will actually happen.

Colleen Koester  
Secondary English Ed.



Offshore Drilling; using our own resources instead of our dependance on foreign nations and foreign resources.

Josh Ord  
Pre-Medicine



I think the stimulus will help, but i think there will have to be other government programs reworked for a complete solution.

Audrey Faltin  
English/Spanish



I think we need to find an antenate fuel source other than oil.

Dalton Williams  
Psychology

GALA: Simulator would help train staff for pregnancy complications

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the hospital staff with a way of training for emergencies that might arise during a birth, in part by utilizing life-size pregnant female and newborn mannequins. The portable handheld ultrasound could help staff identify possible risk factors with the fetus and mother, while the incubator would help with temperature control and oxygen therapy for newborns.

Preliminary figures for the event were unavailable as of press time, but McNair said attendance was up from previous years and that the gala has

improved almost every year it has been put on.

The hospital is depending on ticket sales and charitable donations to fund the purchase of the equipment, among other things. Helping the cause was a silent auction. Guests could bid on an old fashioned/modern phone package, wine from Mike Ditka's Sports Collectible Group and various other goods donated by local vendors.

Another helping-hand to build the success of the event was that people were willing to get into the spirit, McNair said.

Betty Bush was one such

person getting into the act. Dressed in a black flapper dress with a white boa, Bush attended the gala with her husband Bob.

"It's great, it's fun and everyone really got into the spirit of it," Betty said. "I really appreciate it when people try something like this."

"We're just hoping they have a successful (event) so they get the money they need."

Community members outside of the Foundation and Auxiliary also pitched in. Several people brought vintage 1920s cars for display, including a 1923 Model T Ford that guests could

have their picture taken with. That, according to St. Francis Hospital Foundation Coordinator Marilyn Alldredge, was a great addition.

"The cars — to me — added such a wonderful feature," Alldredge said and added that she was pleased with the exuberance put forth by the partygoers. "I think that's absolutely wonderful and we're just really pleased that people have done this."

The auxiliary really helped the foundation out behind the scenes and hospital attendance was also high, Alldredge said.

But according to McNair, in

addition to St. Francis employees, there were quite a few people from outside the hospital that attended the gala. He said the event was open to everyone and he would welcome anyone that might want to attend future galas.

"I would love to see everybody in Maryville come out and try it because where can you go if you want to dress up and go out and take your special person?" McNair said. "I think most people think it's something just for the hospital."

"It's just plain for fun and a thing to raise money for a good cause."

COFFEE: Youth have new spot to 'hang out'

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I'm the type of person who says 'Go for it. If it doesn't work out, it doesn't work out,'" Randy said. "But I think it will. I think it's something this town needs."

Not only did Stephanie get Randy hooked on the idea, but on her business' chief export as well.

I actually had never had a coffee before I met Steph," Randy said. "Now I'm hooked on caramel lattes."

Stephanie has several friends helping her get the building ready, as well as decorating the business' north wall with a mural of the New York City skyline. She's lined up a band for The Java Joint's opening night: Blues Soul.

But another aspect that Randy said is a positive one is that The Java Joint will give children another place to fit in. It was something the couple's own teenaged children are excited about, he said.

"The all love the idea," Randy said. "Bringing something else to our town. Something else for kids to do. Something that's not involved with 'you can't go in there because you're not 19' and still be able to listen to music and be able to hang out."

SMOKING: Survey reveals support

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smoking policies would not be possible; help will be available to faculty, staff and students.

"We would spend a period of time educating the campus on the policy change in addition to offering cessation services ... to help people stop smoking before this," Dooley said.

Northwest, like Moorhead, would spend time working with faculty, staff and students with the cessation services, Grimm said.

Resources would be offered to faculty and students to ensure this transition would be easy for them with the education of the policy, he said.

Even if Northwest was approved to become a smoke free campus, the measure it would not take effect for a few years, Shister said.

"In the examination of this policy we are being very conscientious about smokers' rights and how it will impact the smokers on campus to be fair and equitable about it," Dooley said.

Shister conducted the Missouri college health and behavior survey, last year. The findings show that 70 percent of campus students do not smoke on a daily basis and 60 percent of students would be in support of a full ban on smoking. As of now, 92 percent of students are in favor smoke free residence halls or buildings on campus, he said.

Faculty and staff also filled out surveys through a marketing research project and found that most faculty and staff would be in support of this ban, Shister said.

If the no-smoking ban passed it could benefit campus and the community.

"One thing might happen, it might encourage those people who do smoke ... might be good motivation to quit smoking," Dooley said. "So hopefully we would see people quitting as a result of not being able to smoke as easily as they could have during the course of their day and the provided education."

COURTS: Event a first for campus

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Western District Clerk of Court Terence Lord initiated the planned event and said the educational intent goes beyond the case issues by adding focus as to how the appellate process works.

"People get their information about the courts from what they see on TV like 'Judge Judy' or 'Boston Legal,'" Lord said. "Appellate courts, generally speaking, operate out of the mainstream."

Unlike popular TV shows, in the Court of Appeals there are no juries or witnesses. Parties argue their cases before judges, who then determine if prejudicial mistakes occurred at the appellant's previous trial.

Lord hopes people will come to get the scoop on how the courts really work and stay to check out rarely seen dynamics between judges and lawyers. An added educational benefit, he said, lies in the announcement that one of the three judges is from the Missouri Supreme Court.

"An opportunity to find out the

differences between Missouri Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals is not something you get to do every day," he said.

For 17 years the court has held sessions at various locations throughout its district.

Students are not the only beneficiaries of the advantages gained by assembling at alternative venues like colleges. As cases are chosen with geographic consideration, Lord said local lawyers are given the gift of less travel and more time by not having to drive to the court's main location in Kansas City, Mo.

The event marks a first for Maryville and a chance for interested students to get closer to the legal process.

"I'm hoping to go to law school so I think it is a good opportunity to learn from the process and get first-hand information from some of the best judges in the state," said student Justin Yates. "It's important to understand not necessarily the political part of it, but understand that this is a major part of how our country operates."

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# Cannonbr!

## Winter swim raises money for cancer research



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DOING A CANNONBALL, the only student to take the plunge into Colden Pond on Friday, Jeff Talley said that it seemed like a good idea to freeze a few seconds if it is going to help kids in need. Talley's mother works for Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City and was another factor in his decision to jump in for the cause.

By Kiley Swopes  
Chief Reporter

Steak. French fries. Hot Pockets. Hamburger. Jeffery Talley quickly gained a new empathy for the food in his freezer.

Talley jumped into the freezing Colden Pond as part of the second annual Colden Pond Plunge fundraiser on Friday with three Northwest faculty members.

Raising \$150, Deborah Toomey, faculty member for the marketing and management department, knows many friends and family members that have depended on organizations like St. Jude's.

"Oh my goodness, I am way too far from the ladder. How can I get out the quickest? My shoes are ice cubes. I didn't think liquid could be this cold," were thoughts that filled Toomey's mind after landing in the water, she said.

Allison Strong, instructor in the marketing and management department, raised \$162. Strong tries to participate in anything she can to raise money for those going through cancer or working to find a cure.

"I lost my father to cancer a couple years ago," Strong said. "After watching my father suffer from the disease for years and know children who have been affected and treated at St. Jude's, jumping in a cold pond seems pretty simple."

Marketing instructor Doug Russell raised \$151. Russell said he'd had close friends and family affected by cancer.

"What cancer patients go through, especially kids, is much worse than 30 seconds of freezing cold icy chilly water," Russell said.

Talley, a senior, has always had a soft spot for kids since his mom works for Children's Mercy Hospital. He raised \$78.

"The temperature was unpleasant—really unpleasant, but what's an hour of feeling like a popsicle when you think of how you're helping those kids," Talley said.

E-mails were sent out to organizations like Greeks, athletics, music, theater and also to residential halls and the academy asking for participants. Whoever replied got to help fundraise, fundraising co-chair Kalee Shonk said.

The fundraiser collected about \$1,000 this year.

Preparation before jumping into the pond required close work with Officer Charles Myrick and the rest of campus safety, Shonk said.

"He [Myrick] took the lead in getting the necessary ice divers and emergency squads there during the event," Shonk said. "We had to get hot chocolate and blankets for all jumpers, as well as having them sign waivers and read through a safety plan."

The Colden Pond Plunge is just one event that helps Up 'til Dawn raise money for St. Jude's. At the Up 'til Dawn finale on April 3, the total amount of money raised at Northwest for St. Jude's will be announced.

"Our jump took 10 seconds; their fight continues often times for the rest of their lives," Strong said.



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BASEBALL

# Home-opener postponed as 'Cats hope to end losing streak this weekend

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

After spending a week in Arkansas, a nine-day layoff, and a trip to Emporia, Kan. the Northwest baseball team was finally ready for its home-opener, until Mother Nature intervened.

The Bearcats' home opener against Graceland scheduled for Wednesday was postponed until March 11, because of remaining snow from the weekend.

"That's the thing being a northern team like us, in the first couple months we're always having to work around the weather,"

outfielder Trevor Conner said. "The past three years I haven't had a home game until the second or third week in March. That always puts a damper on things. The 'Cats traveled to Emporia on Monday to take on No. 23 Emporia State in frigid weather and walked off with a five-game losing streak.

The Hornets took the first game of the double-header in a 3-0 defensive battle, and outlasted the 'Cats 10-9 in extra innings in the second game.

Senior Bret Harvel dropped to 1-2 for the season in the first game when the 'Cats failed to

drive in a run.

Harvel pitched 5.2 innings, while allowing two runs, and striking out one, while Emporia State's Ben Graham held the Bearcat batters at bay by striking out six and not allowing a run.

Both teams' batters found their sweet spot in the second game when the teams combined for 20 hits.

"We were all tight and it was cold outside," outfielder Bret Harper said. "We were just trying not to strike out I think. In the second game we just came out there and were relaxed and just found the pitches we liked."

Senior Bill Disselhoff gave Northwest a 6-4 lead when he hit a two-out homer to left in the third inning.

Northwest answered a four-run sixth inning by the Hornets with a two-run seventh when shortstop Matt Stice scored from third on a wild pitch and outfielder Chris Benham brought outfielder Trevor Conner home on a one-out groundout.

Benham managed to score again in the 10th inning on a Bret Harper groundout to the short-stop. Emporia would answer and Hornet outfielder Zach Theadman ended the game with a two-

out double that scored Conner Crumbliss.

"The bottom line is that we had a chance to win that game, but just didn't get that big hit," coach Loe said.

A major strong point for the 'Cats through 10 games has been their bullpen.

Senior Danny Malone and junior Ben Stedronsky have not allowed a single hit in 21 at-bats with empty bases.

"Those guys (Malone and Stedronsky) and our whole bullpen have been doing a great job," Loe said. "Our bullpen has been solid, but it's just a couple runs,

and we aren't strong enough offensively to overcome those mistakes. It'll come. Hopefully it comes this weekend."

This weekend the 'Cats travel to Hays, Kan. to take on the Tigers who have won 12 in a row after starting 0-6. The 12-game winning streak includes a four-game sweep of Truman, while Northwest enters the game on a five game skid.

"We could care less about stats. We could care less about rankings, care less about records," Conner said. "It's all about what you do as a team. On a given day anybody can beat anybody."

SOFTBALL

# Nerves starting to disappear as 'Cats get rolling

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

The Northwest softball team is hitting its stride as it won its last three games, improving its record to 5-7.

"We knew it was going to be tough to start the year," head coach Ryan Anderson said. "We lost so much experience not only with graduation, but we lost some with injuries... but it gave the young players and opportunity to step up and be able to step in and play."

This season the Bearcats have played in two tournaments in Oklahoma and one in Kansas this past weekend. The tournament in Kansas was cut short due to weather, but the 'Cats rolled past their opponents in the two games played, winning 9-1 and 15-1, respectively.

"It was nice to be able to string hits together," Anderson said. "Some young kids got some big hits and people were just getting comfortable. We're starting to get to that place where we've played enough game that the nervousness is gone. The mental mistakes are starting to be gone. If we can keep that up who knows what could happen."

The 'Cats haven't had too many easy games so far this year playing multiple teams ranked nationally.

Another difference in competition this season has been with the 'Cats' game experience. Most of the teams Northwest has faced this year are either from Oklahoma or Texas. Many of the teams they have faced are playing close to the 20th game of the season, while the 'Cats had yet to play its 10th.

"They really had a benefit over us because they have been able to get outside, where we have been stuck practicing inside," freshman Amanda Teshack said. "We really came out and played with them. So, we showed them what we can do. We're just getting started though."

The weather has not only hurt the 'Cats by keeping them indoors but has also been the cause of three game cancellations this year. The final two games of the Kansas tournament were cancelled, along with a double-header scheduled for Tuesday against Missouri Western. That gives Northwest a full week off before they head to Joplin, Mo. for a tournament this weekend. The week off only hurts the 'Cats', Anderson said.

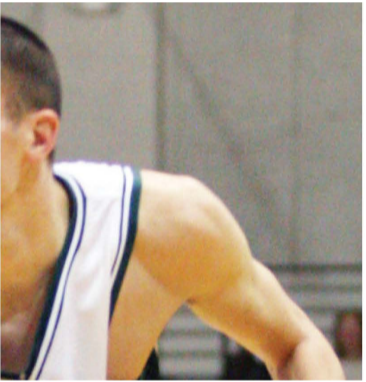
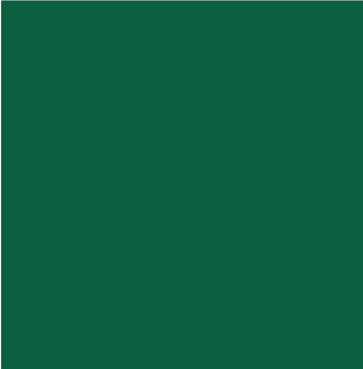
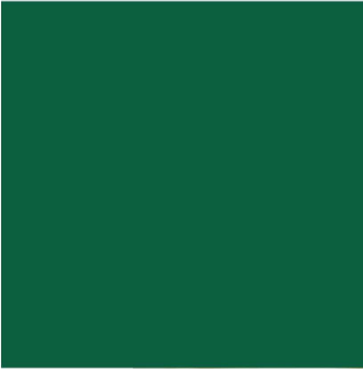
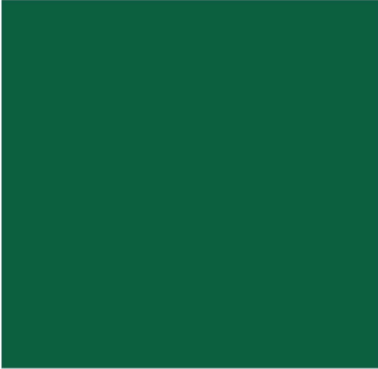
Northwest will start the tournament in Joplin, Mo. with a game against Nebraska-Omaha. This will be the 'Cats first game against an MIAA foe.

Northwest was picked to finish fourth in the MIAA in the preseason coach's poll. The game against Nebraska-Omaha might prove to be a true test where the 'Cats stand in conference play. The Mavericks were tied with Emporia State to finish first in the preseason poll. The Mavericks are off to a 5-2 start and are receiving votes be nationally ranked in the Top-25.

"It's always nervous to face UNO," senior Casey Carper said. "They are always a good team, good hitters. But I think we will be fine as long as we play our game like normal."

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# CAREERS FOR THE RECORD BOOKS



Hunter Henry (right) and Meghan Brue (left)

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# Two seniors shine amid two disappointing seasons

By Christopher Woodland  
Sports Editor

In a 'win and you're in, or lose and go home game,' the Bearcats couldn't produce enough offense or defense, and failed to make an MIAA tournament appearance for the first time in 18 years.

Northwest finished the season 12-15 (7-13 MIAA), after losing 85-69 to Missouri Southern last Saturday.

"There's years where 12-15 doesn't seem all that bad, but here with all the success over the years it looks like a real down year, and it is," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "The thing I have to say is that there was a lot of new players and a lot of adversity.

The season wasn't without its bright spots though.

In his final game as a Bearcat, senior Hunter Henry racked up his 28th career 20-point game by leading the 'Cats with 21 points against Southern.

Of those 28 games, nine of them came this year, accompanied by 11 double-doubles as Henry earned All-MIAA first-team honors and was named to the MIAA all-defensive team this week.

He averaged 17 points and a league-

leading 8.7 rebounds per game. His 17 points ranked fourth in the MIAA. He also had 42 of the team's 62 blocks.

Statistically, Henry had just as good of a season this year as he did when he won the conference player of the year award as a sophomore when he averaged 17.6 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

"When you come off as a sophomore being player of the year, you're a marked man, everybody's going to try to stop you," Tappmeyer said. "He's just a real special guy that we're going to miss."

Sophomore Elijah Allen also provided a bright spot for the 'Cats during the 2008-2009 season. He emerged as Northwest's second scoring option behind Henry.

"I think he really did his part inside despite being a little undersized," Henry said. "Him being able to play inside and score buckets is going to lead to big things down the road.

Allen averaged 13.1 points and led the team in scoring eight times, including a season-high 25-point performance in a 79-66 win at Missouri Western to keep the Bearcats

See **'CATS** on **B2**

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

The Northwest women's basketball team ended its season Saturday with 8-19 record.

The loss put Northwest in a four-way tie for eighth in the MIAA, with the eighth place team getting the bid to the MIAA tournament. The Bearcats were denied the trip to Kansas City, Mo. because Southwest Baptist held the tiebreaker over the other three teams in eighth with a win over MIAA regular season champion, Emporia State.

The 'Cats hope the disappointing season will lead to a much better squad next season.

"A lot of kids who might not normally get a lot of playing time saw the court a lot this season," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "With all the experience they gained we should have a good core group of girls coming back. We are dedicated to make sure we don't have a season like that again."

The 'Cats will lose four seniors from this year's roster, including Meghan Brue. Brue was recognized as MIAA honorable mention. She ended her career as a 'Cat 12th in career points

(1,256), ninth in career steals (127) and seventh in career three-pointers (83). She is the ninth player in program history with 1,200 career points and 600 career rebounds.

"We will miss all of our seniors," Steinmeyer said. "But I will definitely miss Meghan. She is one of my favorite players I've ever coached. She is talented, competitive and coachable. Players responded to her as a leader on and off the court."

Steinmeyer saying Brue is one of his favorite players means a lot. Steinmeyer coached at Northwest for 10 years and before that he coached at NAIA Doane for 15 years.

The 'Cats rough season wasn't helped by a roster filled with injuries. During one stretch in the season the 'Cats were without a true point guard to quarterback the offense. Three of the four seniors missed playing time due to injuries with Amber Vandevender missing the most time. The starting point guard only played in 18 of 27 games for the 'Cats.

"I think we handled all the adversity thrown at us well for the circumstances," freshman Tara Roach said.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Four broken records, three head to national championship

By A.J. Martin  
Missourian Reporter

Three Northwest track team members will have All-American dreams as they prepare for the Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Houston, after competing in the MIAA Indoor Championships at UCM last weekend.

Four women athletes broke program records last weekend at the conference championships. Junior Emily Churchman earned second place honors in the Pentathlon and broke her previous record by scoring 3,541 points. Three of her fellow teammates also captured Northwest records as pole vaulter Melanie Royeton had her highest mark by vaulting 12'-0" 3/4, which was good enough for second place. Senior Hannah Henry and

sophomore Alissa Miller both turned in strong performances as well. Henry placed fourth in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.92 seconds, while Miller ran the 600 yard run in 1:27.61 seconds, both of which were program records.

With a strong conference finish, Churchman will be the only member of the women's team to participate at Nationals on March 14. Churchman is looking forward to representing Northwest and her team.

"Overall I am very excited to have earned this opportunity to represent my team," Churchman said. "I think it is a testament to our program that we can get to nationals year in and year out."

On the men's side, Junior Ben McKim who was All-MIAA in the shotput placed third with a throw of 55'-4". McKim and freshman Tyler

Shaw will both be joining Churchman on the trip to Houston. Shaw qualified earlier in the season in the 60 meter hurdles, with a time of 8.92 seconds, good enough for fifth place in all Division II.

Coach Scott Lorek is very optimistic that these three will perform at their best on the biggest stage.

"I feel great about all three of our athletes, they all have earned a great opportunity and I am confident that they will be in the position to come back as All-Americans" Lorek said.

The three will be competing at the University of Houston at the Yeoman Fieldhouse on March 13 with Shaw starting things off in the 60M hurdles at 6:15 p.m. Churchman and McKim will compete the following day at 9 a.m. and 2:05 p.m., respectively.



photo courtesy of Jared Verner  
EMILY CHURCHMAN NEVER finished lower than fourth in any event in last week's pentathlon at the conference championships, and tied for first in the high jump.

MEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest		Southern
69	Points	85
43.9	Field Goal pct.	49.2
30	Rebounds	39
17	Assists	18
7.7	Three point pct.	25.0
16	Turnovers	14
6	Steals	10
78.3	Free throw pct.	78.6
1	Blocks	2

MEN'S GAME LEADERS

Points	Rebounds
1.) 21 - Hunter Henry	1.) 8 - Hunter Henry
2.) 16 - Elijah Allen	2.) 5 - Elijah Allen
3.) 10 - Shawn Carter	3.) 3 - DaJuan Harris
Assists	Steals
1.) 5 - Mike Larsen	1.) 2 - Elijah Allen
2.) 4 - Hunter Henry	2.) 1 - Four players had one steal each
3.) 3 - Jake Peterson	

WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest		Southern
59	Points	74
43.5	Field Goal pct.	54.2
31	Rebounds	33
12	Assists	23
50.0	Three point pct.	41.9
18	Turnovers	13
6	Steals	7
68.8	Free throw pct.	41.9
1	Blocks	1

WOMEN'S GAME LEADERS

Points	Rebounds
1.) 12 - Shelly Martin	1.) 9 - Micaela Uriell
2.) 11 - Meghan Brue	2.) 8 - Meghan Brue
3.) 10 - Abby Henry	3.) 4 - Two tied
Assists	Steals
1.) 6 - Abby Henry	1.) 2 - Meghan Brue
2.) 2 - Shelly Martin and Meghan Brue	2.) 1 - Four NW players had one steal

WOMEN: Developing youth

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"We were always having to adjust and switch positions. I feel like we always needed a younger person to step up and we did our best to do that."

The one injury that may have hurt that 'Cats the most happened before the season ever started. Gentry Dietz, a six-foot two-inch transfer from Southern Illinois was out for the season before the first game.

"It's hard to speculate on what kind of a difference Gentry would have made this year," Steinmeyer said. "I can say, during preseason she was our best offensive threat.

She has a presence inside we just didn't have this year."

It's not positive Dietz will receive a medical red-shirt for this season. All the paperwork must be filled out, but it looks very hopeful she will be granted the red-shirt, Steinmeyer said. If so that will leave Dietz with two remaining years to play.

Steinmeyer thinks he has a strong recruits to add to the talented youth the team already possesses.

"We have to be more quick next year," Steinmeyer said. "Our athletic ability hurt us and that will be something we concentrate on during this off-season."

'CATS: Hunter Henry will be missed

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in the conference tournament race.

The big failure for this Bearcat team was the inability to produce wins down the stretch.

With three games remaining, the 'Cats stood one game out of the MIAA tournament, and had just defeated Western and Truman by 13 and 11 respectively.

What followed were three straight losses.

The first came in front of 5,378 rabid Central Missouri fans on national television. The 'Cats lost by 30 points, the largest margin in more than six years.

"It was a bad break for us," Tappmeyer said. "I never was asked if we wanted to play the game or not. Early on, news came

down and I said 'This is only an advantage for the home team,' and we went in there in front of 5,500 people ... and they blew our doors off. I think it was just too late (in the season) for us to recoup."

After the Central loss, Northwest fell by 23 to No. 4 Southwest Baptist, and 16 to Southern.

While on the recruiting trail this off-season, Tappmeyer will undoubtedly look for his next Hunter Henry, who after 116 games, 808 rebounds and 1,592 points will never suit up for the Bearcats again.

"I'd like to thank coach Tappmeyer and the coaching staff for giving me the chance to play here," Henry said. "I just want people to know how great of a job they've done, and all my appreciation for the staff."

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BOYS’ BASKETBALL

JUNIOR KEENAN JOINER drives down the baseline against a Trenton defender. The Spoofhounds beat Trenton 63-33 in the first round of district play. Maryville plays Bishop LeBlond at 6 p.m. tonight in Lathrop, Mo. in the district semi-finals.



photo by dustin sander  
community sports editor

‘Hounds win, advance to semi-finals

By Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys’ basketball team ran through the first round of district play Tuesday night in Lathrop, Mo.

The No. 2 seed Spoofhounds handily beat No. 7 seed Trenton 63-33 with a running clock for the majority of the second half to keep their season alive.

“We can’t think of it as an easy win,” senior John Farmer said. “We just have to look at it as a win and move on to our next game.”

The ‘Hounds have to win the first one to go any farther. In this part of the season if they don’t win, they go home and they’re finished. So athletes have to go game by game- that’s the pressure of the district tournament and that’s exciting, head coach Mike Kuwitsky said.

The ‘Hounds jumped all over Trenton from the tip off and finished the first quarter ahead 18-10. Maryville put the game out of reach for Trenton quickly in the second quarter, starting the quarter with a

14-2 run. They only allowed Trenton to score six points in the entire second quarter, giving the ‘Hounds a 41-16 lead heading into the locker room at halftime. At the half, senior Seth Staashelm had nearly outscored the entire Trenton team with 15 points.

For the majority of the second half, Maryville played with a running clock on its side. This allowed every player on Maryville’s bench to see the floor during districts.

“I think its fun, they suit up and they work hard in practice,” Kuwitsky said. “A little court time in fun for them, it’s a little reward for them and I think it’s good for them.”

Previously, the ‘Hounds had faced the same Trenton team less than a week ago with nearly the same result, 68-33.

“I was concerned that we would take them lightly because we beat them Thursday night in a pretty good game at their place,” Kuwitsky said. “I was hoping we would come out intense tonight because I knew that they would. I thought we

held up pretty well and matched their intensity pretty well.”

The ‘Hounds came out and played a better first half than the last game and never gave Trenton a chance for the upset, Kuwitsky said.

“We came in with a whole new game,” Staashelm said. “We’ve seen No. 7 seeds beat No. 2 seeds so we looked at it like a district game where it’s lose and go home.”

Next, Maryville will face Bishop LeBlond in the district semi-finals. The last time the ‘Hounds faced LeBlond, they pulled out a last second win over the Golden Eagles, 49-48.

“It’ll be tough, it’ll be really tough,” Kuwitsky said. “They’re a really good team, very, very good team with a lot of talent and a lot of athletes. I think last time we beat them we were fortunate but it’s going to be a tough ball game and think it’ll be a war, everyone will fight hard and it’ll go right down to the end.”

The ‘Hounds play LeBlond at 6 p.m. tonight in Lathrop, Mo.

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

Spoofhound girls prove skills in second quarter, finish game ahead of East Buchanan Bulldogs

By Jason Lawrence  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds followed a first quarter scare from East Buchanan by going on a big second quarter run in route to blowing out the Bulldogs 61-24 on Monday night.

Maryville, the third seed in the district tournament, trailed 11-9 after the first quarter of play, but got their offense on track and outscored sixth-seeded East Buchanan 19-2 in the second

quarter.

“We got off to a slow start,” head coach Grant Hageman said. “We didn’t hit any shots in the first quarter, but I thought we played pretty good defensively for four quarters. We just didn’t get things going offensively until the second quarter.”

The girls kept up the defense in the second half, holding the Bulldogs to only 11 points over the final two quarters. That is what the defense has to do to get to where the team wants to go,

Hageman said.

“No matter what the score or who we’re playing, it has to be that level of intensity,” Hageman said. “Otherwise we’re going to go home early. I think the girls bought into that - it has to be the highest level of intensity and to play as hard as you can from this point on.”

Maryville’s offense scored 20 points in the third quarter and poured in 13 more in the fourth quarter, tripling East Buchanan’s second half output in moving to

16-7 on the season. Junior guard Meridee Scott led the ‘Hounds with 15 points and senior Megan Walker added 14 in the victory.

The Spoofhounds had to take their victory in stride. They headed back to Lathrop, Mo. Wednesday night for a showdown with South Harrison. Maryville lost to South Harrison by two in their first home game of the year back in December on a last-second shot.

“They are a really good team,” Hageman said. “It’s going

to be a good game. It’s going to come down to the wire. They’ve got two great players in Kelsey Butler and Mysti Williams, we’ve got to shut them down. If we do that, then we’ve got a really good chance of making it to the championship game.”

Butler and Williams combined to score 31 of South Harrison’s 58 points in their 58-28 victory over Trenton on Monday night.

Tip off of the South Harrison game was at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

No results were available as of press time.

Hageman understands that every game from here on out could be the last one for the season, but said his team is used to that concept.

“That’s sports,” Hageman said. “They’ve dealt with it in volleyball and softball. For a lot of them, they’re juniors and seniors and understand that’s just part of it and we just have to take it one quarter at a time, one game at a time.”

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



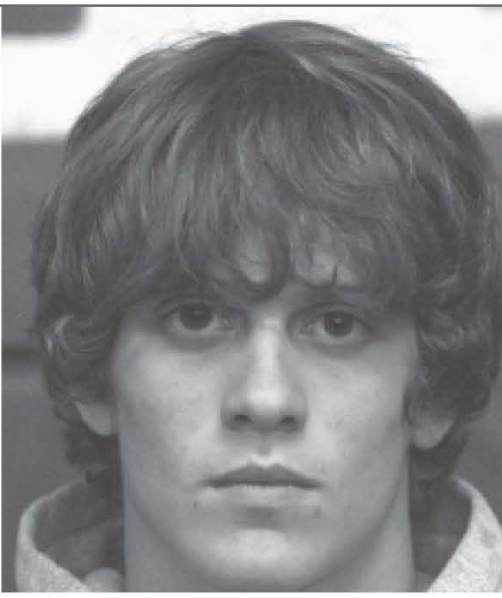
Hunter Henry finished his career as a Bearcat with a 21-point performance against Missouri Southern. He also earned All-MIAA honors this week and was named to the MIAA all-defensive team. He averaged 17 points and 8.7 rebounds per game this year. Henry led the MIAA in rebounding and was fourth in scoring.

Hunter Henry

Emily Churchman



Emily Churchman broke the school pentathlon for the second time in a month and third time this season at the MIAA Championships last weekend. The record now stands at 3,541. She met or broke five personal records during the event. Churchman also solidified an appearance at the NCAA national championships in Houston on March 13-14.



Senior John Farmer led Maryville with 16 points in the Spoofhounds’ blow out against Trenton. The ‘Hounds beat Trenton 63-33 in the first round of district play Tuesday night in Lathrop, Mo. Farmer and the ‘Hounds will continue their district championship run tonight at 6 p.m. against Bishop LeBlond at Lathrop High School.

John Farmer

Megan Walker



Megan Walker helped lead the Spoofhounds to victories over Bishop LeBlond on Thursday night and East Buchanan on Monday night. The ‘Hounds beat LeBlond 58-42 and defeated East Buchanan 61-24 in the first round of district play. Walker scored 14 points in both wins and will be vital to the ‘Hounds’ success the rest of the season.

NORTHWEST

MARYVILLE HIGH

# Royals will make it to the division championship this year ... really

Spring is my favorite season of the year because it's time for baseball. Every year for as long as I can remember I've been glued to the television watching every baseball game I can. That's the best part about baseball season, there's always a game on, every afternoon and every night. As a die hard Royals fan, the spring is the best time for me because they still have a chance to make the playoffs. By the summer ... not so much. I have gone through the same thing every year for as long as I can remember. Every spring, I go out and buy a new Royals shirt and go to the first Royals game I can for my birthday. The Royals give me a great birthday present by winning a couple of games and sticking around the AL Central throughout the month of April. Then every year the same thing happens, I am excited, the Royals are doing well and then they let me down by the end of May. This year things will be different for the men in blue when I witness my first division championship and playoff run. Plus, Kauffman Stadium renovations will be done - the home team has no excuse to lose with a 105 foot tall HD screen hanging over



Dustin Sander  
Community Sports Editor

them. The Royals finished last season only seven games from .500 and winning 13 of their last 16 games and that's right where they will pick up in 2009. The young players are growing into their cleats. They showed this at the end of last season by not finishing in last place like they have every year since 2003. Billy Butler proved he belong in the majors after his minor league stint. Plus, the emergence of Mike Aviles at shortstop gives Kansas City a solid bat. Aviles batted .325 last season which lead the Royals in his first season in the major leagues. With the addition of Coco Crisp, the Royals will gain speed as the leadoff hitter without sacrificing a batting average. Also, Crisp has post-season experience winning the World Series with the Red Sox. Mike Jacobs is another newcomer to the ball club to supply a veteran bat to the middle of the lineup. This year I will be at Kauffman Stadium cheering and tailgating every chance I get from April to September when the Royals bring home their first AL Central title.

## SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

**Woody's picks**  
**Prediction record (13-15)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Syracuse at Marquette — Marq. Marquette is coming off two tough losses last weekend, in a brutal stretch of games that includes UConn, Pitt, Louisville and the Orange. They will need a win in their final game of the regular season to carry them into the post-season.

**NCAA Upset**  
Harvard at Yale — Harvard Revenge of the Nerds? Yes. Yale whipped Harvard earlier this season, and I just know those D & D loving squares will get their revenge. I don't have much faith in this one, though.

**NCAA Lock**  
Pitt at UConn — Huskies UConn coach Jim Calhoun will show why he is worth \$1.6 million. The highest paid man in the state of Connecticut will make up for the loss to the Panthers earlier in the season, and if not, he can still yell at the reporter who questioned his salary.

**NCAA Upset**  
Brown at Harvard — Brown Brown is not good by any means. Hopefully though, Harvard will be looking ahead to the rivalry game.

**Brian "The Bulldog's" picks**  
**Prediction record (11-17)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Purdue at Michigan State — MSU This game will be huge in deciding the Big Ten regular season champ. The Spartans are too good and have worked too hard to let the title slip away this late in the season.

**NCAA Upset**  
Duke at North Carolina — Dukies I hate Duke, but I hate North Carolina more. The Devils will want this game after losing to the 'Heels four straight years at home. With a win, Duke will tie North Carolina for regular season champs.

**NCAA Lock**  
Clemson at Wake Forest — Wake The once No. 1 team in the nation will have no trouble taking care of the Tigers at home. Clemson got swept by my 'Noles this year. So with an FSU win and a Clemson lose, it should make for a better seed for the Seminoles.

**NCAA Upset**  
Texas A&M at Mizzou — Aggies Aggies need this win for a chance at an at-large bid. A&M has been hot, winning four straight. They need the win more, it just comes down to how bad they want it.

**Jason's picks**  
**Prediction record (13-15)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Syracuse at Marquette — Marquette Easy one. Marquette's guard trio even minus Dominic James is still better than Johnny Flynn. Maurice Acker fills in and the Golden Eagles win big.

**NCAA Upset**  
UConn at Pittsburgh — Pitt Pittsburgh did it before, so they know how to beat the Huskies. DeJuan Blair will control the boards like he has all season and his physical presence will limit Hasheem Thabeet's effectiveness. The No. 4 Panthers take down the No. 1 Huskies again.

**NCAA Lock**  
Duke at North Carolina — UNC Carolina is just better. Plain and simple. Plus, it's Hansbrough's last career regular season game. He'll go out with a bang.

**NCAA Upset**  
Virginia Tech at Florida St — VT The Hokies will be due. They have games against Duke and UNC before FSU. They lost by two to the 'Noles earlier this year. They'll pull the upset this time. They'll need the win to make the tourney.

**Dustin's picks**  
**Prediction record (19-9)**  
**NCAA Upset**  
Cal at ASU — Cal I refuse to stoop to Woody's level and pick Ivy league games, plus the other guys need help so I'm picking four upsets. Plus, Cal has the same record as the Sun Devils in the watered down PAC 10.

**NCAA Upset**  
Illinois at Penn St. — Penn St. Penn State is a tough Big 10 team, they are still in the hunt for a tournament berth. The Nittany Lions are sitting at 20 wins right now and one more against a ranked opponent would make them a shoe-in for the big dance.

**NCAA Upset**  
Providence at Villanova — Prov. The Wildcats lost their last home game against Georgetown. Plus, Providence has already knocked off No.1 this year so the No. 16 team in the country will be no problem.

**NCAA Upset**  
'Cuse at Marquette — 'Cuse I know I've been picking Marquette this whole year, but when one of your leading scorers and team leader goes down there's no chance to beat another ranked team.

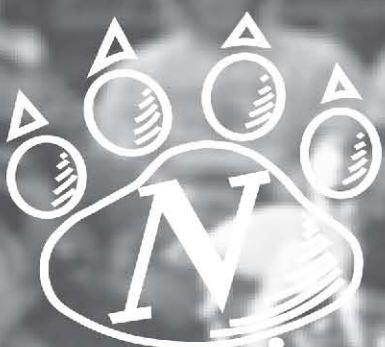
## MIAA STATISTICS

MEN'S SCORING MARGIN				
# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Central Missouri	27	79.7	64.3	+15.4
2. Southwest Baptist	27	89.4	74.3	+15.1
3. Emporia State	27	77.6	71.5	+6.0
4. Fort Hays State	27	71.0	65.5	+5.5
5. Missouri Southern	30	76.5	71.5	+5.0
6. Nebraska-Omaha	27	82.2	77.3	+4.9
7. Washburn	27	78.7	74.6	+4.1
8. Northwest	27	69.0	68.5	+0.5
9. Missouri Western	27	74.3	74.6	-0.3
10. Pittsburg State	27	73.7	74.2	-0.5
11. Truman	27	61.7	69.4	-7.7

WOMEN'S SCORING MARGIN				
# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Emporia State	27	85.9	65.6	+20.3
2. Washburn	27	73.3	60.1	+13.2
3. Pittsburg State	27	76.4	68.0	+8.4
4. Nebraska-Omaha	26	71.2	66.0	+5.3
5. Missouri Southern	27	66.4	62.3	+4.1
6. Fort Hays State	27	68.3	64.9	+3.4
7. Central Missouri	27	70.1	67.1	+3.0
8. Southwest Baptist	27	74.5	78.2	-3.7
9. Truman	27	61.7	67.0	-5.3
10. Northwest	27	66.4	73.1	-6.7
11. Missouri Western	27	64.0	71.2	-7.2

MEN'S SCORING LEADERS			
# Player-Team	Cl	Games	Pts Avg/G
1. Rogers, Matthew-SBU	JR	27	18.9
2. Taylor, Carlos-PSU	SR	27	17.6
3. Jenkins, Michael-UNO	SR	27	17.0
4. Henry, Hunter-NWMSU	SR	27	17.0
5. Eggins, DeAndre-WU	SR	25	16.0
6. Wilbern, Lamar-ESU	JR	27	15.9
7. Albers, Mitch-UNO	SO	27	15.9
8. Harris, D'Ante-SBU	SR	27	15.6
9. Watts, Sanijay-UCM	JR	27	15.2
10. Young, Joe-UCM	SR	27	14.8

WOMEN'S SCORING LEADERS			
# Player-Team	Cl	G	Pts Avg/G
1. Bright, Janice-WU	SR	27	18.6
2. Mueller, Georgia-TSU	SR	26	16.9
3. Biel, Erica-FHSU	JR	27	16.4
4. McCombs, Nicole-PSU	JR	27	15.8
5. Creed, Courtney-SBU	SR	27	15.6
6. Bancroft, Naomi-FHSU	JR	27	15.4
7. Boston, Cassandra-ESU	JR	27	14.8
8. Edwards, Ida-ESU	SR	27	14.3
9. Brue, Meghan-NWMSU	SR	27	14.1




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Top 4 picks

By Brian Johnson  
Entertainment Reporter

**Coming to theaters:** “Watchmen” hits theaters Friday. The critically acclaimed graphic novel series has been adapted for the big screen and is sure to be one of the most exciting films of 2009. Set in 1985 in an alternate universe, a group of superheroes must investigate a conspiracy against them as one of their own is murdered. The unique directing style of Zack Snyder (“300”) will certainly make this a visual thrill and hopefully the story can match the effects.

**New DVD to check out:** “Choke” follows the life of a sex addict who intentionally chokes himself on food at restaurants and collects money from the people who save him. Starring Sam Rockwell (“The Green Mile”) and Kelly MacDonald (“No Country for Old Men”), this is a stellar adaptation of the Chuck Palahniuk novel for anyone who likes dark and quirky films in the same tone of the film adaptation of Palahniuk’s other novel, “Fight Club.”

**New band to check out:** Call the Cops will make you want to break out your skinny jeans and your Converse All-Stars. This emo band has garnered considerable Internet attention by being the current most listened-to band on Purevolume.com. Infectious pop-punk songs to check out by this California band are “Room 410” and “Motion Sickness.” The band claims fans of Paramore and Fall Out Boy are sure to love their music and want people to claim “I knew them before they were famous” rights.

**Song of the week:** “1, 2, 3, 4” by Plain White T’s. You all know these boys for “Hey There Delilah.” Now guys will have to get ready for the latest song to learn on the guitar to play for their girlfriend. This catchy ode to “those three words” is sure to make this band even more of a household name than they already are. Be sure to check out this song as well as others on their new album, “Big Bad World,” already in stores.

STROLLER

Your Man has a new enemy

I have come to a horrible realization recently. I am a pack rat.

Actually, the recently part was a lie, I’ve known it for a long time. I’ve just never faced the reality of the amount of crap I have kept over the years.

That new enemy is me, my friends, and that’s a bad sign. Do you remember games like Mortal Kombat and Street Fighter? The last guy you had to beat was always the toughest and always the same character you were playing with, in a different colored suit.

The lesson of the day is symbolism. If you make yourself your own worst enemy, it’s hard to win. That’s the situation I have created for myself.

I decided to tackle the task of minimizing the size of the U-Haul truck when I have to move. I have lived in the same house for a few years now, things accumulate.

I cannot comprehend the idea of me moving box after box of this crap again. A few years ago my mom gave me a bunch of stuff from when I was younger. I still have it, but not for long, sorry but most of it is going to the curb.



The Stroller

I think that’s what she wanted anyways, for me to do it myself. She is a wise woman, you can’t throw away another’s memories. They have to make that choice themselves. Everyone has to let go of the past some time.

The memories are important, but mementos are only clutter. If you have to look at a Yellowstone magnet to remember the trip, it wasn’t that fun. But those memories, good and bad, are why it’s hard to let go.

The point is that if you continue to hold on to things that drag you into the past, you are regressing. The past is a channel to the future, not

something to dwell on.

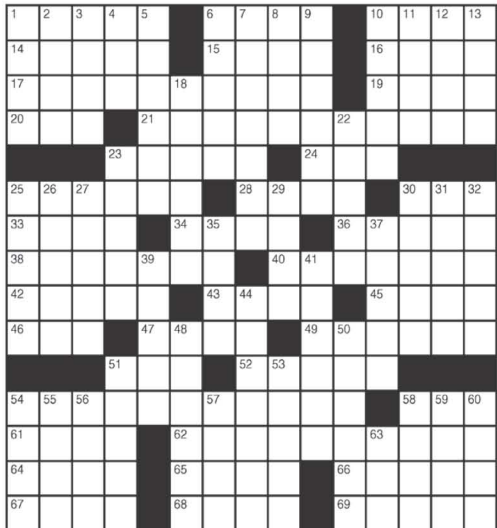
But our fixation with old experiences has us locked in a specific path. Un-cluttering your house has a strange effect, you free space in rooms and in your mind. Plus you don’t have to take it all with you anymore.

It’s nice to go through it all and remember, but I have decided that these recollections will happen one last time. As everything goes to the garbage, I’ll take a mental picture, attach the story and be done. It’s time to make new memories.

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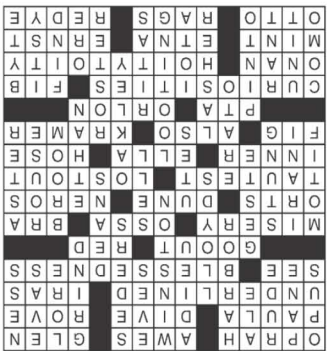
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25 Kathy Bates movie  
28 Peak in Thessaly  
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REVIEW

U2’s new album ‘No Line on the Horizon’ full of brilliant songwriting

By Marshall Carlson  
Entertainment Reporter

It was late September 1976 in Dublin, Ireland, and Larry Mullen Jr. gathered some of his teenage friends in his kitchen to start a band. It was then that history was made. Within the next year, the band dwindled down until there were four, Larry Mullen on drums, Paul Hewson on lead vocals, Dave Evans on guitar, and

Adam Clayton playing bass. With the four members of the band set, they established themselves as U2, and the rest was set in stone.

“No Line on the Horizon” marks U2’s first album since “How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb” in 2004. The band collaborated with producers Brian Eno and Daniel Lanois.

The band’s latest is full of that signature U2 sound comprised of Mullen on drums, the Edge’s

droning, calming guitar riffs, Clayton’s prowess on bass, and Bono’s powerful, scratchy voice, as shown in “Unknown Caller” and “Moment of Surrender.” Bono has that rare ability to completely set the atmosphere solely with the power of his voice. He’s as good at it as Phil Collins or Seal, and that’s a tough order to fill.

Bono’s voice is only one signature that is U2. Another just as recognizable part of the band

is the Edge’s guitar. “Unknown Caller” demonstrates his seamless style of playing that has been a huge influence on bands for thirty years. The Edge throws down a super funky rock and roll lick in “Stand Up Comedy” that might as well be solid gold and Clayton adds the perfect background that is nothing short of brilliant.

The third piece of this tour de force is the simple yet unmatched magnificence of the rhythm sec-

tion. Clayton and Mullen’s musical chemistry is remarkable together. The duo plays an infectious groove in “Get on Your Boots.” “No Line on the Horizon” is a breathtaking display of brilliant songwriting.

U2 has managed to produce one of the best albums of the new millennium. It seems as though one of the greatest rock bands of all-time has created another masterpiece full of timeless anthems.

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## PRAYING PAST

# POV ER•TY

—noun

1. the state or condition of having little or no money, goods or means of support

## Students get a taste of hunger, hardships at Poverty Meal

By Sydney Moore  
Features Editor

Bowls of rice and non-substantial porridge are a luxurious meal in some parts of the world, where food is scarce and income is barely enough to get by.

In these countries, aides such as soup kitchens and shelters are unknown, and hunger is a major part of every day life.

For a few hours on Tuesday night, Northwest students got a taste of the experience at the first Poverty Meal, sponsored by Campus Christian House and Gamma Alpha Lambda.

As students ate porridge similar to the food in impoverished countries, videos of the less-fortunate countries were shown to educate the students and stories of hunger-stricken families were told in small groups to help get the message of the hardships across.

Students portraying poverty-stricken individuals held signs in

silence to show the grief and hardships of being poor and hungry. Statements such as “No money to feed my family,” helped add emphasis and visualization to the event.

Campus minister Brandon Smith played a large role in getting the event off the ground.

“We want our faith to have action,” he said of the Christian Campus House. “Otherwise, it’s all just really good talk.”

CCH worked hand-in-hand with the Christian sorority, Gamma Alpha Lambda to make the event a success. With the help of one another, the two organizations decided on the poverty meal to raise awareness of hunger and malnutrition around the world, which is the No. 1 health risk worldwide.

Heather Niece, a junior involved in GAL, played a large role in getting the event organized. For Niece, the event was about more than learning statistics and hearing stories about poverty – it was about making a difference in someone’s life.

“We read a lot of stories about people who are affected by AIDS, who are sick and have no strength without food,” she said. “We want people to reflect on how they are feeling and the impact they can make.”

The main goal for CCH and GAL was to raise awareness for the cause. According to the Farm and Agriculture Organization and The State of Food Insecurity in World, 25,000 people die every day from hunger and related causes. What the CCH and GAL aimed to do was bring the topic to students’ attention and help them understand what people around the world go through on a daily basis.

Cathy George, CCH member, was a large part of the brainstorming process for the event.

“We decided this was something interactive we could do,” George said. “We just decided hunger was the biggest issue we could do something about.”

Along with educating students

about the problems of hunger and poverty around the world, the groups also hoped to raise money to help buy food for the impoverished areas. The money raised from the event will be donated to areas heavily affected by AIDS and malaria, such as Africa. Although helping with the cost of food is a large contribution, Smith said what they wanted most was the experience.

“Of course we want to raise money,” he said. “But we really want the students to go through the experience.”

Niece added that the stories read to help get the message across to students were all from people who are affected by AIDS, who are sick and continue to get worse due to malnutrition. Raising awareness and money to help them get well is what Niece found most important with the event.

“We’re so far away, but we can still do so much,” she said. “Especially through prayer.”

### Hunger around the world

**80** percent of humanity lives on less than \$10 a day. (Globalissues.org)

**963** million people across the world are hungry. (State of Food Insecurity in the World, 2008 FAO. “Food Security Statistics”)

**6** Number of seconds a child dies because she or he is hungry. (FAO State of Food Insecurity in the World 2006, Global Framework for Action. 2006)



photo by courtney edwards | design editor

TROY COUCHMAN AND Nathan Bunse read over different true life stories about hunger and poverty as they eat porridge. The purpose of these stories was to educate students about impoverished countries and the experiences and hardships they go through.



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MATTHEW UMSTEAD, CHRISTOPHER Koger and Alex Phillips discuss the stories they took turns reading. As people came in and got porridge, they joined circles to read and discuss the stories.